

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to delete any reference to "attorney docket number" and to replace the reference to the unpublished European patent application with the corresponding PCT publication and the corresponding U.S. patent application and U.S. publication number. The specification has also been amended on page 9 to provide antecedent basis for language now appearing in the claims.

The Claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 11 has been made dependent on claim 10. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant submits that claim 1, as amended above, contains steps which are each tied to a particular machine or apparatus. Applicant further submits that claim 12 now claims a computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon a computer program.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that claims 1-9 and 12 are now statutory.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0091225 to Chen. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claim 10, and has indicated that the subject matter of claim 1 was not found in the prior art.

Applicant believes that the above changes to claims 11 and 12 render the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection moot.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1-12, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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